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Tattersall's Club Newsletter



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As mentioned at the Annual Meeting, a Development Application has been lodged with the City Council to enable the alterations to be carried out to the Clubhouse. Approval is expected shortly and this will enable the Committee to go to tender and finalise arrangements for the financing of the Project.

While this is being done, plans will be displayed in the Club to enable Members to be fully informed of the Project prior to the Special Meeting which must be held to obtain the approval of Members.

It is with the deepest regret that I have to inform you of the death of Tom Powell. I am very proud of the friendship that I shared with this loveable character for some forty years. I am proud to say he nominated me for this Club, and for the Committee. It is only when great personalities in the sporting world pass on that we realise it is an era that we will never again encounter, and what a pity it is that we have no recordings of the delightful and humorous stories of the past told so brilliantly by such personalities as Tom Powell and others of that era. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his widow Leta and son Murray, and may God rest his precious soul.

While mention is made elsewhere of our new Executive Chef, Ulrich, and the high standard he is achieving in the Dining Room, I would like to reinforce them. I believe there has been a significant improvement in the standards of food served in the Club, and I would urge every Member who has not visited the Club in the last two months to do so as soon as convenient, and I am sure you will not be disappointed with the standard and selection of meals available. Please put it on your list of things to do, and what is more support your Club in its search for excellence.

While the Committee is doing all it believes it can to optimise use of the Club's resources, it is only too happy at any stage to listen to the suggestions of Members. These are troubled times for the Club industry as a whole, and consequently, this Club, like all others, needs as much thought and new ideas as it can muster. If you feel you have something worthy of consideration, pass the idea on to a Committeeman or the Secretary, so the Committee can examine it and act upon it if it is within the Club's charter to do so.

Members are reminded that Tattersall's Race Meeting will be held on Saturday, 7th September. It will feature such historic events as the Chelmsford Stakes and Tramway Handicap. Other feature races are the Roman Consul Stakes and Tattersall's Plate — all are trophy races, and we hope that this Meeting will be the best that Tattersall's Club has ever staged. It has a good start already by carrying the highest prizemoney that has ever been offered for a Tattersall's Meeting. I look forward to seeing you all there and hope you have a very successful day.

Kindest regards,

TONY McSWEENEY Chairman

BILLIARDS & SNOOKER

The 1985 Billiards & Snooker Tournaments are well on the way. The Billiards being down to the semi-finals and the Snooker is down to the last 32 players. This year for the first time we held a Calling of the Card, which was a huge success, mainly due to the efforts of Doug Jordan, as the Caller, and Bill Hurley as the main Bookmaker. The cocktail party which accompanied this function was very pleasant indeed and the attendance was better than anticipated.

After the Call was completed we made the draw for the Fourth Round, and one match was played the next day between

Lester Lill and Adrian Abbott, the victor being Adrian Abbott.

The Chairman opened the evening and paid special tribute to the late Tom Powell, and also to Paddy Morgan for his performance in the recent Australian Professional Championships, with the result that he was beaten in the semi-finals by his old friend and rival Eddie Charlton.

As usual, there were several surprises in the early rounds of this year's Tournament, in that Warren Foster, Bob Smith,

Kevin Simmonds, Arthur O'Connor, Len Williams and several other low markers failed to reach the last 32.

TOM POWELL MEMORIAL TROPHY

A canteen of cutlery which was always presented by Tom Powell for the annual Snooker Tournament is now being perpetuated by the generous action of Bill Hurley and Bruce McHugh and the canteen may be inspected in the cabinet on the second floor — our thanks to Bill and Bruce.

Another interesting Trophy has been presented by Peter Twigg — which will be known as the Ken McDonald Memorial

Trophy. Further details of this will be announced at a later date.

The Round Robin one day Tournaments have proven to be very popular, both singles and pairs. A new introduction is a singles 2 frame tournament which has been most interesting. This is a knock-out decided on aggregate score over two frames.

HANDBALL NOTES

CLUB DOUBLES HANDICAP

The annual John Barnes PLAY AS YOU COME Doubles Handicap attracted an elite and keen field of doubles contestants. It also produced, as far as John Barnes was concerned, an attractive result.

Early rounds did not occupy the expected time so the event was decided by a round robin of the semi-finalists.

The Handicaps, while undoubtedly important, were reasonably close and Arthur O'Connor earned a re-handicap for using the now famous bat.

Ken Glass and John Barnes allowed a three point start to David Dobbin and Stan Droder and carried off the final 41-39.

N.S.W. STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

This title was recently decided at Tattersall's Club with a predictable win to the title holders, Ron and Neil Rogers. The representative field was made up of many past champions, both singles and doubles with a sprinkling of newcomer hopefuls, all of which made the championship and the various matches close and exciting.

Don Hudson and John Forde provided stiff opposition in the final but after a strenuous first half Ron and Neil gained

control and enjoyed a comfortable victory 31-20.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

With Arthur O'Connor's almost divine guidance the handball championships are well under way with the Club singles seeing most of the action.

Norman Rogers played Bob Lipman in a thriller and after leading 20-19 in the first set was just pipped 23-21. He was unable

to maintain the pressure in the second set and Bob Lipman won 2 sets to nil.

Charles Robinson and Ken Glass provided another magnificent clash with Charles the winner by two sets to nil after winning the first set by a heartstopping 22 points to 20.

Although Tony Baine led 19-11 and then was level 19-19 he compounded to Bill Blakemore 21-19, 21-14.

TATTERSALL'S SKI CLUB

Our two official skiing weeks have been held.

The Roslyn week at Thredbo attracted eleven participants. This is always a most enjoyable week. To finish a day's activities with a relaxing sauna and swim before hors d'oevres and pre-dinner drinks in this delightful lodge is really hard to beat. Our thanks to the Management for again making us feel so welcome.

The Wirruna week was a great success. Skiing fairly early in the season (late July) reduces the reliability of conditions, but when the snow come in good quantities, it is at its best at this time of the year. We had excellent dry snow throughout the week

and two or three quite perfect days.

Basil Phillips as Club Captain led the in-house entertainment, organised the catering to perfection, and the cuisine all prepared by our own members was top notch. Peter Perry's famous coq au vin was more like the work of an artist than of a chef. Cross country skiing seems to be increasing in popularity and it was great to have ex-Wirruna Club President Col Iverson on

hand to encourage the cross country contingent. To experience the main range in such glorious conditions is an unforgettable experience.

Our ski races were held on the Friday. We had fifteen starters in a strong field. Sadly, it would have been even stronger had Graham Smith our President not badly twisted a knee earlier in the week, being one of our very few casualities. We wish him a speedy recovery.

In a hard fought race Mark Worrall, a long term guest of the Club just tipped out another guest from Brisbane, Barrister

Rob Wensley with Anthony Berkman third.

The race was a great way to end the week and got everyone together for a celebration and a toast to future Club activities.

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Race Committee

Added money \$220,000 (plus trophies valued at \$3,345)

VERGREEN LODGE FURIOUS STAKES

ROMAN CONSUL STAKES

HEATON HANDICAP HANDICAP

VAN HEUSEN TRAMWAY HANDICAP **UBARU CHELMSFORD** STAKES

TATTERSALL'S PLATE PANCAKES ON THE ROCKS HANDICAP

Committee wishes to thank the sponsors for their

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Race

Tattersall's Club office just prior to the Meeting generous support of this Race Meeting. TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS CLUB DAY

DON'T MISS THIS

.W. McHugh, P. Twigg, A.J. McSweeney (Chairman) N.R. Rogers (Racing Chairman) , ㅈ: : Upton

Members are invited to support this fine programme arranged by your

TATTERSALL'S BOWLERS ARE BUSY

At the time of going to press Tattersall's bowlers were making plans for their annual match against Kensington Bowling Club on Thursday, 15th August.

Our bowlers will then be travelling by coach on Monday, 23rd September, to Gosford to play Newcastle Tattersall's Club for the annual match held there.

We will report on these two matches at a later date.



Tattersall's bowlers flying to "work".

EPICUREAN CORNER

If you have missed a booking to our four Theatre Party Nights for "Cats", make sure of our next Dinner and Theatre Party. They really are great fun — very enjoyable evenings!

All Club Members are welcome — just book with Joanne Grimble on 264 6111. Our next Theatre Party is Peter Williams presentation of "Crown Matrimonial" starring June Salter on Thursday, 24th October, in The Playhouse, Sydney Opera House.

Crown Matrimonial is set in the grandeur and privacy of Queen Mary's private sitting room at Marlborough House, London. It is a fascinating insight into the life of the Royal Family during the time of the love affair between H.R.H. King Edward VIII and Mrs Wallis Simpson and the effect it had on all their lives.

1936 — the world stood on the brink of war, a time of changing attitudes and a liason that changed the course of British history.

Taxis will be arranged to and from the Opera House. Cost of \$36 per person includes Theatre Ticket, dinner in the Club Dining Room and pre-dinner drinks and taxi to and from the Opera House.

We guarantee you a very enjoyable dinner.

Menu

Avocado with Strawberry Vinaigrette
Fish Fillets in Orange Cream
or
Chicken Breasts with Camembert Cheese
Creme Caramel
Coffee and Mints

Bookings close on 17th September.

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DINING NIGHTS

A near capacity crowd attended the Club's first dining night on Saturday, 10th August. The Dining Room provided an intimate setting and enabled the Club's new Executive Chef, Ulrich, and his staff to prove an excellent menu which was enjoyed by all.

The Chairman, Mr Tony McSweeney in welcoming those attending, also mentioned that Dining Nights would be held regularly and urged all Members to support them.

On this occasion the music was provided by a trio from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. The next Dining Night to be held will feature music of a different beat as will those to follow.

Make a reservation NOW for the next Dining Night on Thursday, 26th September, 1985, by completing the notice included with this newsletter.



POOL SPLASHES

Despite the cold weather, attendances in the pool have been up to the usual numbers. The Winter 100 yards has drawn a record number of starters, and has provided many thrilling finishes. Among those to greet the judge have been Michael O'Dea, David De Mestre, David Robinson, Gerald McCormack, John Nicholas, Bill Debney, John Barrell, Perry Sutton, John Murray, Andrew Torok, Bryce Ross-Jones and Gordon Salier.

Nice to see David De Mestre competing and holding his own against all comers.

Look out folks, I can hardly believe my eyes, my pet pin up boy, Gordon Salier, competing over the long course. Me thinks the 1985-86 Silver Sharpe Trophy is his immediate mission.

David Robinson leads the Point Score with a total of 28 from Gerald McCormack 27 and Bill Debney 24.

The 1985-86 Swimming Season commences on Tuesday, 24th September, with a handicap event over 40 yards. Hoping to see you all on that date.

Sam Block

GOLF

A disappointing field of only 32 lined up at The Lakes in June, and found the course just as demanding as ever, but in excellent shape. Although the field lacked quantity, there was no shortage of quality, with Sid Thompson and Chris Meagher taking out the 4-Ball with 47 points. Chris, a regular visitor and collector of trophies, once again fared well with 39 points, the best individual score of the day.

Runners-up in the 4-Ball were local members Ken Murden and Cliff Hartman with 46 points, Cliff having 38 on his own. Ken swung with visitor John Cameron in the 4-Ball, Ken and John finishing next best with 44 points.

The Singles was taken out by Cliff Hartman, 38 points (Chris Meagher collected the 4-Ball trophy and was ineligible) from Graham Smith on 36.

In the Bradman, the local members once again showed their versatility with Kevin West on 13 points (playing with Rod Fisher) just edging out Committeeman Ken Upton on 14.

Our next outing is at The Australian in August and we have a confirmed booking at Royal Sydney on Friday the 29th November.

An October outing will be arranged and the date and venue will be advised in the next bulletin.